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SUBJECT: GABON RESPONDS TO BENIN CAMPAIGN ON OAU SUMMIT

1. CLEAR FAILURE OF BENIN'S CAMPAIGN TO MOVE OAU SUMMIT FROM LIBREVILLE HAS SEEMINGLY EMBOLDENED GABONESE TO REPLY AND TO CHOOSE RIDICULE AS PREFERRED TONE FOR THEIR REPSONSE.

2. EMERGING FROM SILENCE ON THIS SUBJECT. PRESIDENT BONGO SEIZED ON PRESS QUESTION JUNE 11 TO HEAP SCORN ON KEREDOU'S ALLEGED "LACK OF SERIOUSNESS" AND TO DERIDE HIM AS " BUFFON OF COTONOU." BONGO DESCRIBED BENIN'S EFFORT TO SHIFT SUMMIT AS "STERILE EXERCISE," AND ONCE AGAON CHALLENGED KEREKOU TO COME TO LIBREVILLE AND FACE HIM MAN- TO MAN SO THAT DIFFERENCES BETWEEN GABON AND BENIN COULD BE OPENLY EXPLORED.

3. BONGO'S REMARKS CLOSELY ECHOED CONTENT OF RADIO/TV EDITORIAL DELIVERED THREE DAYS EARLIER WHICH FIRST
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USED "BUFFON OF CONTOU" PHRASE TO DES RIBE KEREKOU. EDITORIAL ALSO CITED VARIOUS GIFTS FROM GABON TO KEREKOU AND CHIDED LATTER FOR UNGRATEFUL BEHAVIOR IN ADDITION OT BERATING HIM FOR UNDEMOCRATIC RULE AT HOME. STEIGMAN

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